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San Diego Multihull Charters, LLC

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Secretary
Maritime Administration
MAR-120 Room 7210
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

MARAD-2002-12514-2

Please accept this application for a waiver for the sailing vessel "Gato Go" under the Small Vessel Waiver Program. The information to follow is presented to fulfill the requirements for the waiver.

- 1. Name of the vessel: Gato Go.
- 2. U.S. Documentation number: 1064732.
- 3. Owners are both U.S. citizens: Mark R. Spanjian and Craig R. Wiese are sole partners of San Diego Multihull charters.
- 4. Date of construction: 1992
- 5. Place of construction: France
- 6. Size: Length 44.5 ft.

 Beam 25.0 ft.

 Draft 4.0 ft.

 Height off water 60.0 ft.
- 7. Tonnage: 8 tons net (measured pursuant to 46 U.S.C.14502)
- 8. Commercial use of vessel: General Chartering, Team Building and Business Meetings.
- 9. Geographic region of intended use: Coast of California from Point Conception south to the Mexican border.

10. Impact on other commercial passenger vessel operators: As a small recreational sailing vessel with room for a limited number of passengers, Gato Go will fill a specialty market in San Diego Bay and Southern California waters. This market will include limited day charters for 12 passengers or less, coastal cruising, corporate events, including team building, retreats, and other activities. There are several existing companies with sailing charters aimed at larger groups, as well as large commercial companies taking groups of 50 or more.

With the recent doubling of the San Diego Convention Center and construction of a new Downtown Baseball Stadium, the continued growth of the area as a convention and resort destination is insured. The present operators of commercial vessels are doing well and the future looks good for market growth.

- 11. Impact on U.S. shipyards: As a commercial vessel verses a recreational vessel, Gato Go will have many more days at sea and will therefore incur more usage of the local shipyards of San Diego to keep her in running order. We are estimating that the yearly expenditures to be around \$25,00.00 per year.
- 12. Find enclosed a check in the amount of \$300.00.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter and if you have questions please give use a call.

Sincerely,

Mark R. Spanjian

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Craig R. Wiese, Ph.D.